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TOPIC Military Information from Stendal

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. Between 15 January and 2 February 1951, the Tauentzien Kaserne, Stendal (M 53/Y 85), quartered 1,600 to 1,700 troops. Most of the soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets. Seventy to eighty percent of the EM had closely-cropped hair. The daily duty schedule began about 6 a.m. and ended about 7 p.m. From 400 to 500 soldiers left the installation almost daily for the drill field, while 100 to 150 EM were seen drilling in the barracks yard. [REDACTED] numbered: [REDACTED]

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2. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 3,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and black epaulets. An acquaintance of source stated that numerous vehicles with bridge-building equipment, iron girders, pontoons and pneumatic rafts recently entered the installation at night. Eight trucks, including [REDACTED] were observed leaving the installation on 16 January occupied by about 150 soldiers. [REDACTED]

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3. There were no changes at the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. The installation quartered about 2,000 troops, mostly older soldiers, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED]

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4. Except for a rear unit of 100 soldiers the Borstel airfield was evacuated by the air force. Former Chief Burgomaster Knop (fnu), declared at a session of party chairmen that the airfield installations had been evacuated by the air force and were now almost exclusively occupied by tank troops who allegedly numbered 10,000. However, local residents saw only a few tank troopers. Source observed only some officers wearing golden epaulets with red stripes, who left the airfield. Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. According to the chief burgomaster two generals with their headquarters were stationed in Stendal, one at the airfield and the other in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne [REDACTED]. **

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- 25X1A: [REDACTED] Compared with the last report until mid-January 1951, by the same and other sources, the occupation of the three installations did not change. [REDACTED] The 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps, which was previously believed to be stationed in Tangermünde is probably quartered in the Lindenburg Kaserne. See [REDACTED]
- 25X1A: [REDACTED] The statements of the former chief burgomaster on the occupation of the Borstel airfield were exaggerated. Tank units have never been observed there. It is particularly incredible that so large a number of tank troops should have been stationed there. Other sources repeatedly reported that an artillery unit of 400 to 500 soldiers was stationed at the airfield. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- The statement that two headquarters are stationed in Stendal was correct. They are the Hq LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps and the Hq 207th Itz Rifle Div. However, there are no indications that one of these headquarters is located at the Borstel airfield. Rather, it is believed that the two headquarters are located in the area of the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne.

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